

12 FAH-7 H-620 FIREARMS

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12 FAH-7 H-621 FIREARMS PROCUREMENT

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a. For LGFs staffed by PSAs, DS/CIS/PSP/PEL will continue to procure and ship weapons, ammunition, and the other special protective items contained in the DS Special Protective Equipment (SPE) Catalog (dated January 2000). Equipment procured from the SPE catalog will be provided by DS/CIS/PSP/PEL at no cost to the post, provided it is issued to PSA Guards or is listed in Exhibit E, U.S. Government Furnished Equipment (GFE), of a NPS contract. Equipment not contained in the SPE catalog is not available from DS/CIS/PSP/PEL and must be procured by post. Funding for items not available in the SPE catalog must be requested from DS/CIS/PSP/FPD. Requests should include a full narrative justification and cost estimate. If funding is approved, procurement remains a post responsibility. All requests for firearms must be accompanied by a detailed explanation of their intended use. Rifles and submachine guns are normally limited to use by the RSO and bodyguards. These weapons are not authorized in inventories at posts that do not have an RSO resident.

b. In the solicitation for an armed LGF, the types and numbers of weapons required must be identified. Local laws and regulations may govern the selection of types of weapons. Unless prohibited by local laws or not possible for other legitimate reasons, the proposal from commercial security firms for a LGF, which will be armed, should include the cost of furnishing all weapons, ammunition, training, and the actions and expenses necessary to obtain any required licenses and insurance. When furnished by the contractor, the weapons remain the property and responsibility of the contractor. The RSO and/or A/RSO acting as contracting officer's representative (COR) must ensure through written documentation that any weapons used as part of a local guard contract have been obtained, are stored, and used in accordance with local laws and regulations. When the contractor is unable to provide weapons required by the LGF, equipment procured from the SPE catalog will be provided by DS/CIS/PSP/PEL at no cost to the post provided it is listed as GFE in the LGP NPS contract.

c. When the host government provides an armed force as part of the LGP, the host government is responsible for furnishing weapons. In some cases where a host government has provided an armed force, the host government may not be able to provide sufficient ammunition to ensure an acceptable level of training. Should an RSO determine that this condition exists at his or her mission, a request for supplemental ammunition can be made to DS/CIS/PSP/FPD and DS/CIS/PSP/PEL. The request should explain the local situation and indicate kinds and quantities of ammunition required.

d. Regardless of the source of weapons used for the security of the mission, the RSO and/or PSO must ensure that they are clean and maintained in a serviceable condition.

e. Trigger locks, shotgun racks, and/or safes for local guard weapon storage are to be post purchased and/or procured items when listed as U.S. Government furnished property in a NPS guard contract or under a PSA arrangement. Funding will be provided by DS/CIS/PSP/FPD. If not provided as GFE under a NPS guard contract, posts should ensure that the contractor is providing and accounting for weapons securing equipment.

12 FAH-7 H-622 SPECIAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (SPE) TELEGRAM (ANNUAL)

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a. The SPE telegram, prepared annually by DS/CIS/PSP/PEL, contains valuable information concerning acquisition of weapons, ammunition, and other special protective equipment. It lists specific make and model information and nomenclature for ammunition.

b. All requests for SPE in support of LGPs should be addressed to DS/CIS/PSP/FPD as well as DS/CIS/PSP/PEL. Instruction and formats for these requests are contained in the annual SPE telegram and should be followed when ordering weapons, ammunition, and other items listed. This includes the type and number of items required, firearms request justification, ammunition request justification, current firearms inventory by types and quantities, and confirmation of the nearest available Air Force Air Mobility Command (AMC) terminal for special flight information, if applicable. A statement that the chief of mission (COM) or principal officer (PO) concurs with the request must also be included.

c. The current formula for calculating ammunition requirements is contained in the SPE catalog. When ordering training ammunition, use the formulas outlined in the SPE catalog to indicate how quantities requested were determined and that this quantity does not exceed the authorized level.

d. The RSO or PSO is responsible for an annual inventory of firearms at post. This inventory is submitted to DS/CIS/PSP/FPD and DS/CIS/PSP/PEL.

12 FAH-7 H-623 STANDARD TYPES OF WEAPONS AND/OR AMMUNITION FOR LGF

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a. The standard issued weapons for LGFs depend on the post, country, threat rating, and the RSO request. As required in accordance with 12 FAH-6, *Security Standards Handbook*, the DS Firearms Policy Review Board reviews requests before approval is granted. Specific details as to make, model, configuration, etc., for current DS standard weapons are contained in the SPE catalog.

b. Only in rare cases will any surveillance detection (SD) personnel be armed. The requirements that apply to obtaining approval for an armed LGF also apply if there is a need to arm all or part of the SD personnel. In addition, the issue of carrying concealed weapons must be met with confirmation of host government approval as part of the request.

c. DS/CIS/PSP/PEL recommends the RSO order for the LGF a reserve supply equal to 10 percent of the required inventory to assure an adequate supply of weapons to replace those that become unserviceable or are under repair. Weapons, which need repair or replacement, must be returned to the Department; the turn-around time for weapons returned to the Department for repair may be 90 days or longer. It is, therefore, essential to have an adequate number of reserve weapons on hand. The contractor or host government is responsible for maintenance and repair as well as ensuring an adequate number of reserve weapons when they are responsible for the supply of weapons.

12 FAH-7 H-623.1 Procurement Lead Time

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RSOs should be aware that due to transportation restrictions and availability of suitable shipping channels, there may be up to one year or more of lead-time from the time weapons are ordered before shipments could arrive in country. Emergency requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

12 FAH-7 H-623.2 Ammunition Procurement Alternatives

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a. Prior to requesting DS/CIS/PSP/PEL assistance in obtaining ammunition, the RSO should explore alternative sources including the following:

- (1) Commercial sources in the local economy;
- (2) Purchase from host government sources; or
- (3) Offshore commercial sources. If appropriate, the post should request host government approval for a "declared" entry via commercial sources.

b. If none of these alternatives are feasible and DS assistance is required, delivery will be to the closest USAF Air Mobility Command (AMC) terminal or by other special flight arrangements as may be available, such as small commercial charter or any U.S. military aircraft operating in the area. For further guidance, check with DS/CIS/PSP/PEL.

12 FAH-7 H-624 WEAPONS SAFETY AND DISPOSAL

12 FAH-7 H-624.1 Weapons Safety

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a. Missions having uniformed armed local guard personnel and/or armed SD personnel are required to review their guard orders and make periodic random inspections to ensure weapons safety and handling procedures are being followed according to regulations. Constant attention should be paid to proper weapons control (i.e., loading, unloading, carrying, storage, etc.). Posts may also need to review and/or update their general guard orders to cover, at a minimum, the following issues:

- (1) How a weapon will be passed from shift to shift;
- (2) How a weapon will be secured when not in direct possession of a guard; and
- (3) Stern reminders that weapons will not be left unattended unless they can be secured.

b. Violations of weapons handling and/or storage procedures and rules are grounds for immediate dismissal of any guard. Accidental discharge of a firearm or weapon use resulting in a discharge should be investigated by the RSO and reported expeditiously by DS channel telegram to DS/CIS/PSP/FPD, DS/DSS/OP, and DS/DSS/ICI/CR. See also 12 FAM 228.3-6, *Alien Employees, Contractor, and Contractor's Employees*.

12 FAH-7 H-624.2 Weapons Disposal

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a. Disposal of weapons no longer needed or non-repairable is the responsibility of the contractor when the contractor has furnished the weapons.

b. Disposal of weapons that are the property of the host government is the responsibility of the host government.

c. When weapons have been furnished to the contractor by the U.S. Government or when PSA guards are armed, disposal of any excess or un-repairable weapons is the responsibility of the RSO or PSO with instructions from and approval of DS/CIS/PSP/PEL. Before returning any weapons, the post should notify DS/CIS/PSP/PEL of the intention to return weapons as excess or for repair, and request authority to ship them. These weapons should be returned to DS/CIS/PSP/PEL in accordance with the correct shipping procedures.

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